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REPORT

TOPIC Bratislava-Ivanka, Bratislava-Vajnory and Piestany Airfields

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to June 1952, Bratislava-Ivanka (P 49/X 99) airfield was used only by Czech aircraft. No Soviet pilots were observed at the field. There were no military guard personnel but only a civilian doorkeeper at the gate. No jet aircraft were identified at the field, which was very lightly occupied. Individual twin-engine aircraft or fighters were occasionally observed. It was rumored that the field was to be improved on a large scale. Construction workers were observed at the field. In April 1952, the road leading from Bratislava to Ceklis (P 49/T 00), along the field, was abandoned and another road north of the field was partly newly constructed. A spur track of the Bratislava-Komarno (P 48/X 76) railroad line extended along the western edge of the field. There were two runways, each about 1,800 meters long. One runway extended from east to west and the other one from north to south. In the northwestern section of the field were buildings and at least two hangars with a large concrete apron in front.¹

2. Bratislava-Vajnory (P 49/C 00) airfield had a grass-covered landing field but no runways. No jet aircraft were observed at the field. However, the installation was strictly guarded, [] it was possibly a military installation.²

3. A new and very large airfield was to be constructed north of the old airfield at Piestany (P 49/T 44) in May 1952. Construction work had allegedly started in the spring of 1952.³

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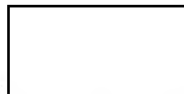
1. [] Comment. The information on Ivanka airfield [] generally agree with available reports. Statements on the length of the runways fluctuate between 1,600 and 2,500 meters. Prior to late 1952, the airfield was probably continuously being improved. This explains the various statements on the length of the runways. It is not believed that the field is occupied by Czechoslovakian Air Force units. The airfield is used by commercial aircraft of airlines. It is suitable for jet units.

2. [] Comment. Vajnory airfield is used by aircraft of the Aero Club and occupied by a SNB unit.


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3.  Comment. The construction of a second airfield north of
Piestany is reported for the first time. It is believed possible
that the old airfield was extended to the north on a large scale.

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